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### LAMBERT FAIRCHILD OUSTED FROM COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS RECOVERY

#### Hour Disclosures Bring His Removal From Chairmanship

As The Hour predicted on March 8, Lambert F. Fairchild has been ousted from the position of Chairman of the National Committee for Religious Recovery. The action was taken at a meeting of the Committee's Board of Directors held on April 7 at the Murray Hill Hotel. The Board has since issued a public statement to the effect that the office of Chairmanship has been declared vacant.

It had been expected by the Board that Fairchild would concur with their request that he resign. But when the Board met last Monday, Fairchild refused to hand in his resignation. He said the Board had become "the tool of the New Deal and the Jews," and he told them that if they wanted him out, they would have to fire him. They fired him.

#### Fairchild's Career

The decision of the Board of Directors to remove the Committee's Chairman from office was brought about by a series of disclosures that had appeared in The Hour.

We had revealed that the dapper Fairchild, "prominent citizen, former New York City Alderman ... active in political and civic circles for many years" (according to descriptions in the press), was addressing meetings composed of Bundites, Christian Fronters, Paul Revere Sentinels and other Fifth Column groups; that he was working closely with the anti-Semitic journalist Louis D. Edwards who considers a "Lynch Mob in action" the "perfect example of Pure Democracy"; that the District Court records of St. Paul, Minnesota, contained a number of unsatisfied judgments against Lambert Fairchild; and that his former wife had obtained a divorce from this promoter of religious movements on the grounds that he had deserted her and their three children.

The Jekyll-Hyde career of Lambert F. Fairchild has suffered a severe setback.

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## NAZI "COLONIZERS OF THE FUTURE"

The Hour learns that, in preparation for its contemplated world-wide expansion, the Third Reich has established a school with the specific purpose of educating Nazi womenfolk for work in colonial countries. The school is located at Rendsburg, Germany, and is called the Colonial School for Women. Official references to it observe:

"No longer need the modern settler's wife go out into the wilderness unprepared for the rigors of life in sparsely settled and undeveloped countries ... At the Colonial School for Women, German girls are trained to adapt themselves to the life and people of the tropics.

"... Lessons in geography, economics, anthropology and languages of the colonial countries take up a large part of the curriculum. The principles of home-construction best suited to the varied needs of warm climates are also assiduously studied by these colonizers of the future."

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## WILLIAM RYAN TO BE NEW FUEHRER OF CHRISTIAN FRONT

The board of strategy of the Christian Front has decided that John Cassidy, recently acquitted by federal trial of charges of plotting against the government of the United States, has been too seriously discredited to continue as leader of their Fifth Column movement. His office is to be filled by William A. Ryan of Queens, New York. Ryan has all the necessary qualifications. Young, a good rabble-rouser and a dependable anti-Semite, he is as fanatically pro-fascist and pro-Coughlin as his forerunner.

The new leader was guest of honor on April 2 at a rally held by the Christian Front at Acme Hall in Brooklyn. This was the first of a series of meetings which are to initiate Ryan to the fuhrership. He spoke for more than an hour, with traditional bombast, to an audience consisting of Christian Fronters, Mobilizers, Paul Revere Sentinels, Bundites and other Fifth Column riffraff. There were about three hundred persons in the crowd. On the same platform with Ryan was Father Edward J. Brophy, author of The Christian Front -- Its Justification and Need and eastern gauleiter of Father Coughlin.

## Anti-War Campaign

The Christian Front's current "peace" slogans, which blame the war on the Jewish people, were emphasized by Ryan and other speakers. Representative of the Front's "anti-war" campaign was the handbill distributed in the audience by Front stormtroopers:

"This day there are 50,000 veterans of the last world war in military hospitals of the country. Without one or both eyes, legs and arms gone, shell-shocked, saliva



drooling idiots. Demand the Refugees fight Hitler this time, and leave our boys at home, were they be-long as Christians."

To establish the patriotic nature of the gathering, the hall was decorated with no less than thirty-four American flags, some hanging from the ceiling and some draped along the walls. The speakers, stressing the importance of this meeting to the welfare of the United States, sought to maintain a solemn atmosphere. They had fair success, until a group of drunkards began staggering about in the audience, crying anti-Semitic slogans and expressing their vigorous approval of William Ryan. One of them lurched up onto the speaker's platform to shake Ryan's hand and congratulate him. The audience, which thoroughly enjoyed this incident, relaxed into its normal mood.

#### Christian Front Drive

This meeting of the Front is noteworthy for reasons other than the adoption of a new fuehrer. The meeting is part of a rebirth of Christian Front activity on a significant scale. Similar gatherings are to be held every week in Acme Hall. Large amounts of Front literature are being issued from P. O. Box 17, Times Plaza Station, Brooklyn. A sizeable unit has started operations in the Bronx, under the guidance of one Bryan Masterson, at 449 Willis Avenue. A New York Women's Auxiliary is being organized. Street corner meetings are to start soon. A campaign to enlarge the Front membership and to increase the circulation of Social Justice has been undertaken.

Coughlin's band is making a come-back. The Christian Front is out to reclaim the title, Brownshirts of America.

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#### MISSIONARY WORK FOR HITLER

A pro-Coughlin leaflet is being distributed in Pittsburgh by Hon. Anne E. Felix, well-to-do sixty-year-old dowager who for years has paraded in her home-town as an apostle of civic virtue. The leaflet, comprised of a statement by Miss Felix, entitled "Freedom of Speech," voices such sentiments as:

"Father Charles E. Coughlin, with whose economics and politics one may or may not agree, has been virtually forced from the air. Precisely who or how many engaged in the conspiracy to silence him, I do not feel competent to state, although no more than normal intelligence would be demanded to offer a reasonable, if not definite, suggestion as to some of the sources of adverse pressure.

"Granting Father Coughlin his full quota of human errors, it is hard to see how he could have been hurled down while a Winchell, for example, survives. It would be surprising -- if one didn't remember that the 'Give us Barabbas!' strain has yet to be bred out of mankind."

These none too subtle anti-Semitic innuendoes indicate that Miss Felix, for all her false crusading, is not above spreading Hitlerian ideology.

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## MORE ON GENEROSO POPE AND DOMENICO TROMBETTA

In our March 29 report on the activities of Generoso Pope, we pointed out that this prominent New York contractor and publisher had indirectly expressed his approval of the work of Domenico Trombetta, fascist editor of Il Grido della Stirpe.

It had happened in this way. The editorial staffs of Mr. Pope's two Italian-language newspapers wrote a letter to Trombetta, voicing their sympathy for this Fifth Columnist's aims and offering him their "full support." A short time after the appearance of this letter in Il Grido della Stirpe, Mr. Pope issued a public statement to the effect that the policies followed by the editorial staffs of his papers had "at all times been set" by himself. These policies, of course, included the writing of the chummy letter to Trombetta.

## Trombetta-Pope On Democracy

The Italian News Service of New York City, an anti-fascist agency, this week supplied The Hour with interesting new material concerning Domenico Trombetta. The Service informs us that:

"In the autobiographical note which he furnished to the Italian-American Who's Who, Mr. Trombetta boasts of having been 'arrested several times for Fascist activities' although he became a citizen of the United States in 1917. He was president of the 'Lictor Federation,' an outright propaganda agency which took the place of the 'Fascist League of North America,' dissolved in 1929 for its too overt Fascist activities in this country."

Referring to Trombetta's spreading of "unashamed, violent and scurrilous Fascist propaganda," the Italian News Service quotes various recent comments from Il Grido della Stirpe. The following are typical:

"Religious hatred, race antagonism, persecution, bigotry, prejudice and discrimination are the flowers of Democracy in America, and Democracy in the hands of the present administration is nothing more than an instrument to deceive the gullible and banter people who well deserve the appellation of a grown-up simpleton. But thus was Democracy, thus is Democracy and thus will always be Democracy, the blackest hypocrisy."

"This is the time to restate our faith in Italian Fascism and the Black Shirt Army."

"A speech from Hitler is always a lesson to the world," etc.

In boasting of his patriotic inclinations, Mr. Pope lately declared, "There is only one ISM for me: AMERICANISM." The Hour would like to ask Mr. Pope this question: what brand of Americanism is it that includes the support of Domenico Trombetta and the endorsement of such statements as are quoted above?